PATENT N THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE (Atty. Docket No.: 96-2087-I) In re Application of: Zhang et al. Examiner: unassigned **Application No.: 09/837,079** Art Unit: unassigned Filing Date: April 18, 2001 Confirmation No.: 1343

PETITION FOR A FIVE MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Title: Mini-Ad Vector for Immunization

Dear Sir:

The applicants respectfully petition for a five month extension of time in which to respond to the Notice to File Missing Parts of a Non-Provisional Application mailed June 8, 2001. With this extension, the applicants' response is due on or before January 8, 2002. The requisite extension fee accompanies this petition. The Commissioner is authorized to debit any underpayment or credit any overpayment of fees associated with this application to Deposit Account 13-2490.

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Dated: January 8, 2002

Respectfully submitted,

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